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Secretary of Education Glen Thomas Issues Statement on 2009 STAR Program Results

Secretary of Education Glen Thomas today issued the following statement regarding the release of the 2009 Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program results:

"I am pleased to see that California student performance continues to improve year after year, confirming that our state's education system is headed in the right direction. But, as with most good work, much remains to be done to close the achievement gap, and I remain committed to working together to ensure every California student has access to a top-notch public education that provides them with the skills they need to be successful."

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